

HUMANITIES DIVISIONAL BOARD	
Title of Programme	Master of Studies in Global and Imperial History
Brief note about nature of change:	This change provides for online submission of coursework.
Effective date	For students starting from MT 2016 For first examination from 2016-17
Location of change	In <i>Examination Regulations</i> online
Detail of change	<p>^{1.1} The regulations of the Board of the Faculty of History are as follows:</p> <p>^{1.2} 1. Candidates for this degree must follow for at least three terms a course of instruction and directed research and must, upon entering the examination, produce from their society a certificate to that effect.</p> <p>^{1.3} 2. Candidates must attend such lectures, seminars and classes as their supervisor shall determine. In addition to the formally examined programme elements described below, each candidate will be expected to attend and complete in-course requirements for a series of skills and specialist options based on a schedule to be published from year to year by the Faculty's Graduate Studies Committee.</p> <p>^{1.4} 3. The final examination shall comprise (i) two extended essays of between 4,000 and 5,000 words based on an Advanced Option, (ii) one three-hour examination paper based on the programme's conceptual and methodological component, and (iii) a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words.</p> <p>^{1.5} I. The programme has three streams, providing the following distinct Advanced Options:</p> <p>^{1.6} (i) <i>Imperial History</i> : Empires in Global History 1750-2000;</p> <p>^{1.7} (ii) <i>South Asian History</i> : paper t.b.c.;</p> <p>^{1.8} (iii) <i>East Asian History</i> : history and historiography of modern China.</p> <p>^{1.9} Two copies of the two essays, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the M.St. in Global and Imperial History, must be submitted to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford by The</p>

essays must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the Global and Imperial History WebLearn site by 12 noon on Monday of Week Nine of Hilary Term. The essays should reflect the skills and understanding acquired by the candidate through attending the Advanced Option classes. One of the essays may complement—but must not share significant content with—the dissertation, and the essays are also expected to be distinct from each other in period or issues covered. Each submission will require the candidate to make a declaration indicating that it is their own work.

^{1.10} II. Each candidate must sit a three-hour written examination on conceptual and methodological issues relating to their chosen stream through the course:

^{1.11} (i) *Imperial History*: concepts and methods of imperial history;

^{1.12} (ii) *South Asian History*: history and culture of South Asia;

^{1.13} (iii) *East Asian History*: Research methods (East Asia).

^{1.14} III. Each candidate must submit a dissertation of not more than 15,000 words on a topic in the candidate's chosen subject area. The dissertation must include a short abstract which concisely summarises in about 300 words its scope and principal arguments.

^{1.15} ~~Two copies of the dissertation, addressed to the Chair of Examiners for the M.St. in Global and Imperial History, must be submitted to the Examination Schools, High Street, Oxford, The~~ dissertation must be uploaded to the Assignments section of the Global and Imperial History WebLearn site by 12 noon on Monday of Week Six of Trinity Term and accompanied by a declaration that it is the candidate's own work. Material submitted under I and II may be summarised or substantially further developed in the dissertation, but no significant part of the dissertation should reproduce or paraphrase other work submitted for examination.

^{1.16} 4. The examiners may award a distinction to candidates who have performed with special merit in the whole examination.

^{1.17} 5. A candidate who fails the examination will be permitted to retake it on one further occasion only, not later than one year after the initial attempt.

Explanatory Notes

These changes provide for online submission of coursework. Online submission was provisionally approved by the History Faculty Board at its meeting in Week 3 of Trinity Term 2016, pending discussion at History Graduate Studies Committee in Week 4 of Trinity Term, which approved the measure. Online submission has been consistently recommended by external examiners, and is supported by students; our expectation is that it will be administratively more straightforward than paper-based submission, that it will allow speedier despatch of materials to externals and that it will permit additional benefits, such as automatic checking for word-length and plagiarism.